

Semester Exam Study Guide

9th Grade English, Mrs. Lanius

Types of questions:

- All questions will be multiple choice and/or matching. We will use bubble-sheet tests, so please bring a #2 pencil.
- Many questions will be passage-based. This means that I will copy a portion of the text for you to read on the test, and you will answer questions based on the passage.

Length of test:

- The semester exam will be 50-75 questions long.

Test content:

- The test will cover the excerpts of *The Odyssey* from our textbook, including books 1, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23. (In your textbook, on Edline, on our class wiki)
- Most of the test will be passage-based (see above).
- The test will include vocabulary from each book we have covered in *The Odyssey*.
 - These are in your notes, on Edline, and on our class wiki.
- The test will include a matching portion at the end for you to match the characters with their descriptions.
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- Know the qualities of epic poetry, settings, heroes, conflict, plot, devices, etc. as provided in our textbook, notes, wiki, Edline, etc. Be able to identify examples from passages.
- Here are some questions and concepts to guide you:
 - What is the setting of the text? How is the setting epic? Be able to identify examples of epic settings from the text when given a specific passage.
 - What epic themes and elements appear in the text? Be able to identify examples from the text when given a specific passage.
 - What standard personas or archetypes (pg. 1241 in your textbook, or pg. 57 on your textbook file on our class wiki) do certain characters fit?
 - What qualities of Odysseus make him an epic hero? Be able to identify examples from the text when given a specific passage.
 - Be able to identify literary elements that appear in specific passages. Focus on:
 - Similes
 - Allusions
 - Epithets
 - Archetypes
 - Be able to identify character traits of Odysseus as illustrated in a specific passage.